

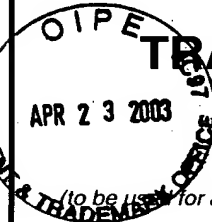
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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on December 17, 2002 (Paper No. 8), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 8 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including April 17, 2003 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

Also included herewith are: as **Exhibit A**, a clean copy of the pending claims; as **Exhibit B**, a marked up copy of the original claims; as **Exhibit C**, a marked up copy of the original title and abstract are attached hereto; as **Exhibit D**, a clean copy of the amended title and abstract;